

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT		1. CONTRACT ID CODE		PAGE OF PAGES 1 6	
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. A004		3. EFFECTIVE DATE 08/25/2004		4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ.NO.	
5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)		6. ISSUED BY CODE DTS-853		7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) CODE DTS-853	
U.S. DOT/RSPA/Volpe Center 55 Broadway Cambridge, MA 02142		U.S. DOT/RSPA/Volpe Center 55 Broadway Cambridge, MA 02142			
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)		(x)		9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. DTRS57-04-R-20029	
		X		9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 07/23/2004	
				10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.	
				10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)	
CODE		FACILITY CODE			

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

☒ The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers ☐ is extended. ☒ is not extended.
Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning 3 copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment number. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required.)

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

(x)	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF:
	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor ☐ is not. ☐ is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

THE PROPOSAL DUE DATE HAS NOT BEEN EXTENDED AND REMAINS
AUGUST 31, 2004, 2:00 P.M. EST

Request for Proposal (RFP) No.DTRS57-04-R-20029 is hereby amended as follows:

1. Page 58, Section L.7.B, FORMAT, first sentence, delete Section "L.4" and substitute with "L.5".

2. Page 58, Section L.7.D, Section II - Information Other Than Cost and Pricing Data, Part 1 - Detailed Instructions, first paragraph, third sentence, delete Paragraph "L.4.C" and substitute with "L.5.C".

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Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)	
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR		16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	
15C. DATE SIGNED		16C. DATE SIGNED	
(Signature of person authorized to sign)		(Signature of Contracting Officer)	

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	<p>3. Page 58, Section L.7.D, Section II - Information Other Than Cost and Pricing Data, Labor, first sentence, delete "L.6" and substitute with "L.7".</p> <p>4. Page 60, Section L.7.D, Section II - Information Other Than Cost and Pricing Data, Part 1 Detailed Instructions, Other Direct Costs (ODC's), paragraph 1, RFP-Stipulated ODCs for Travel, 2nd sentence, delete "\$10,000" and substitute with "\$3,000", deleted "\$9,000" and substitute with "\$2,250", and delete \$1,000 and substitute with \$250".</p> <p>5. Page 60, Section L.7.D, Section II Information Other Than Cost and Pricing Data, Detailed Instructions, Other Direct Costs (ODC's), paragraph 2, RFP Stipulated ODCs, delete \$2,250" and substitute with \$400,000".</p> <p>6. Page 12, Section C.9 Contractor Acquired Property, add the following:</p> <p>"The Contractor shall ensure that any used vehicle acquired was not involved in any accident or reported as a manufacturer buyback (Lemon). The Contractor shall ensure this by running a CARFAX check on each used vehicle prior to purchasing it."</p> <p>The following questions were received for the subject solicitation, and responses are hereby provided for informational purposes only.</p> <p>Question No.1 - On page 5 under the first paragraph under Section C.2.2, Test Requirements, the second sentence states, "A temporary or permanent fixture covering the test site (including any track length), which will allow year-round testing to be conducted irrespective of the weather is preferred." Item number 6 refers to "Rollover tests to be carried out on a car test track with the test vehicle traversing a course to induce rollover conditions. The test vehicles may be equipped with outriggers to avoid actual rollover." The facility that we would complete these test on is an huge outdoor facility and the cost to install a temporary or permanent fixture covering this test site would</p> <p>Continued ...</p>				

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	<p>be tens of millions of dollars to construct. We do not plan on constructing a temporary or permanent fixture covering this test site. Is this OK?</p> <p>Response No. 1 - As stated above, a temporary or permanent fixture covering the test site (including any track length), which will allow year-round testing to be conducted irrespective of the weather is preferred. It is a business decision whether or not an Offeror makes changes to their facilities. In addition, as stated on Page 74, Section M.2.2, Facilities, Offerors will be evaluated on their ability to conduct year-round testing irrespective of the weather conditions.</p> <p>Question No. 2 - On page 11 under C.5.1, it states, "Monthly Contract Progress Reports are required and two (2) electronic copies shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the "Contractor Report Exhibit" dated June 1, 1977, Section J, Attachment J-1 with the following exceptions." There are no exceptions listed. I assume they are due every month then?</p> <p>Response No. 2 - The Monthly Progress Reposes are due every month. The exceptions listed, are the minimum items that are contained in the Monthly Progress Report. (Items 1 though 7)</p> <p>Question No. 3 - On page 29, section H.7, Sales Tax Exemption, it seems Section A and Section B contradict each other. Section A states, "The Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, as part of the Department of Transportation, an agency of the United States, is an exempt purchaser. Accordingly, all purchases of personal property by this organization are exempt from state and local taxation." Section B then states, "...the Contractor shall state separately on its vouchers the amount of state sales tax, and the Government to either pay the amount of the to the Contractor or, where the amount of the tax exceeds \$250.00 to provide evidence necessary to sustain the exemption."</p> <p>It appears that Section A states that Volpe will not pay state or local sales taxes, then Section B states that it will. The State requires the Continued ...</p>				

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	<p>contractor to submit sales taxes invoiced to the state in 15 days of the previous month end. To charge sales tax on the invoice and then Volpe decide that they will not pay the sales tax will prevent an administrative burden on Contractor. The Contractor will have paid the tax and then to get the tax back form the State will be slow and can only be after filling out another tax return form.</p> <p>Can Volpe clarify this section at all? Will they or won't they pay the sales tax? Providing a sales tax exemption certificate up front would make life much less complicated.</p> <p>Response No. 3 - Page 29, Section H.7 Sales Tax Exemption - (SEP 1999) - Paragraph A, states the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center is tax exempt. As part of administration, the Volpe Center will provide a sales tax exemption certificate when the Task Order is issued.</p> <p>Question No.4. - It appears that we need to include a bunch of stuff from section K into the solicitation. Is something electronic already typed out so I do not have to retype these sections again? Or where can I get a printed form to check the items that need answered?</p> <p>Response No.4 - You can print these forms from your electronic version and complete the fill-ins.</p> <p>Question No. 5 - In section L.7.B, Format, and section L.7.D, part 1, Detailed Instructions, it references sections L.4 and L.4.C respectively. I assume the actual reference should be L.5 and L.5.C, correct?</p> <p>Response No. 5 - See Items 1 and 2 above.</p> <p>Question No. 6 - I want to make sure I am correct on this question. On page 57, in section L.7.A, it states that we are to use the hours as set forth in the table near the bottom of the page. We are not supposed to estimate the number of hours we think it will take to achieve the tests outlined in C.2.2, Test Requirements, correct? We are to use the hours provided in the table, correct?</p> <p>Continued ...</p>				

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	<p>Response No. 6 - Yes, as stated on page 57, Section L.7.A, paragraph 7, states, "For evaluation, purposes, Offerors are required to proposed estimated costs using the hours provided below".</p> <p>Question No. 7 - On page 58, section L.7.C, it states that we are to submit a signed and completed SF 33. Do we just type or print this on the form that came on the internet?</p> <p>Response No. 7 - Yes, you can type on a printed copy of the SF 33.</p> <p>Question No. 8 - Are any of the following forms available electronically, or are we to just type on the forms supplied in the package: Proposal Cover Sheet and Schedules 1 through 9?</p> <p>Response No. 8 - You can print the Schedules and type in your information. If you intend to submit an electronic versus, followed up with a hard copy; you scan the schedules after they are completed.</p> <p>Question No. 9 - I assume that on page 58, in section L.7.D under the Labor subcategory that the reference to L.6 should be L.7, correct?</p> <p>Response No. 9 - See Item 3 above.</p> <p>Question No. 10 - We are only to cost out labor and travel and RFP-Stipulated ODC's. No cost for materials, equipment and facilities, correct?</p> <p>Response No. 10 - See Page 60, Section L.7.D, Section II Information Other Than Cost and Pricing Data, Detailed Instructions, Other Direct Costs (ODC's), paragraph 3, Offeror-Estimated ODC's, states: "Offerors should identify, and estimate amounts for, any additional ODC which are anticipated to support the proposed effort."</p> <p>Question No. 11 - On page 60, Other Direct Costs, it states that RFP-Stipulated ODC's for Travel should be split between Cost-Plus-Fixed-Fee in the amount of \$9,000 and Fixed Price in the amount of \$1,000. Yet in Schedule 2, Summary of Proposed Costs and Fixed Fee, the amount is \$2,250 and in Schedule 3, Summary of Proposed</p> <p>Continued ...</p>				

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	<p>Costs and Profit, the amount is \$250.00. Why are the schedules reflective of only a quarter of what is called for on page 60? The same thing goes for number 2, RFP-Stipulated ODC's.</p> <p>Response No. 11 - See Items 4 and 5 above.</p> <p>Question No. 12 - I am confused on the \$1,600,000 RFP-Stipulated ODC? We don't have a surcharge on Equipment and Facility Costs, where we do on purchases and materials. I guess I am supposed to make some educated guess on how to split the \$1,600,000 between Equipment and Facility Costs and purchases and materials?</p> <p>Response No. 12 - Page 60, Section L.7.D, Section II Information Other Than Cost and Pricing Data, Detailed Instructions, Other Direct Costs (ODC's), paragraph 2, RFP-Stipluated ODCs, last sentence states: "These costs should be burdened in accordance with established accounting practice." Therefore, it is up to the Offeror to estimate the split between Equipment and Facility Costs and purchases and material.</p>				